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SUBJECT: WEEKLY ACTIVITIES REPORT

1. THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST DOMINATED FOREIGN NEWS COVERAGE THE PAST WEEK WITH THE MEDIA PLAYING UP BEGIN'S INTRANSIGENCE AND HEADLINING THE SHELLING OF BEIRUIT. FIGHTING IN RHODESIA AND THE BELGRADE CONFERENCE OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES ALSO CLAIMED COVERAGE.
2. MAIN NEWS STORY OF THE WEEK WAS THE CHIEF JUSTICE'S UPHOLDING AN ACCUSATION THAT THE RECENT ELECTIONS IN THE COOK ISLANDS HAD BEEN MARKED BY BRIBERY AND CORRUPTION, ESPECIALLY IN THE FLYING IN OF VOTERS FROM NEW ZEALAND. THE DECISION RESULTED IN THE UNSEATING OF PREMIER SIR ALBERT HENRY AND SIX OTHER MEMBERS OF HIS PARTY AND ENABLED THE OPPOSITION DEMOCRATIC PARTY TO TAKE POWER. THE DECISION IS A LANDMARK IN BRITISH LEGAL HISTORY, AS IT IS THE FIRST TIME A JUDGE HAS UNSEATED A GOVERNMENT.
3. THE NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT'S RECENTLY ANNOUNCED INCREASED PENALTIES FOR DRUG OFFENCES DREW A REACTION FROM MEDIA DURING THE VISIT OF THE U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL,
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JUDGE GRIFFIN BELL. A PRESS CONFERENCE WAS ARRANGED FOR JUDGE BELL BY THE POST AND MOST OF THE QUESTIONING CENTERED ON AMERICAN ATTITUDE TO SUCH MEASURES AS WELL AS THE BAKKE CASE.

4. BARRY JORDAN, THE RADIO NEW ZEALAND JOURNALIST, TO WHOM FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE HAS BEEN GIVEN, HAS FILED

TWO REPORTS FROM ALBUQUERQUE ON WIND POWERED ENERGY SYSTEMS. THEY WERE BROADCAST ON THE NATIONAL SYSTEM ON THE WIDELY FOLLOWED "MORNING REPORT" PROGRAM.

5. FOLLOWING HIS RECENT UNITED STATES VISIT, THE POST'S PUBLIC AFFAIRS SPECIALIST PREPARED A REPORT ON THE AMERICAN NEWSPAPER PUBLISHERS' CONVENTION WHICH HE ATTENDED IN ST LOUIS. THE REPORT DEALING WITH THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY IN THE NEWSPAPER INDUSTRY HAS BEEN DISTRIBUTED AS A NEWSLETTER BY THE NEWSPAPER PUBLISHERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND TO ALL ITS MEMBERS. AS WELL, HE HAS BEEN ASKED BY RADIO NEW ZEALAND TO FOLLOW UP BYRD EXPEDITION CONTACTS MADE DURING THE VISIT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF PROGRAM MATERIAL FOR BROADCASTS TO MARK THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF BYRD'S ARRIVAL IN THE ANTARCTIC AND SUBSEQUENT FIRST FLIGHT OVER THE SOUTH POLE. SOLAR ENERGY MATERIAL BROUGHT BACK FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY IN DENVER, HAS BEEN TAKEN BY A NEW ZEALAND HOUSING CORPORATION'S ARCHITECT FOR THE DEVELOPING AND INCORPORATING OF NEW APPROACHES TO THE USE OF SOLAR ENERGY IN GOVERNMENT HOUSING.

6. PROGRAM FOR THE SCREENING OF THE ACADEMY AWARD WINNING FILMS WILL END THIS DATE AND FILMS WILL BE SHIPPED TO PORT MORESBY IMMEDIATELY. IN ALL, TO DATE, THERE HAVE BEEN TWENTY-NINE SHOWINGS IN WELLINGTON AND UNCLASSIFIED

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CHRISTCHURCH TO APPROXIMATELY 1,300 PERSONS. FOURTEEN SHOWINGS HAVE BEEN IN THE CENTERS; FOUR, AT THE CANTERBURY MUSEUM THEATRE IN CHRISTCHURCH; AND, ELEVEN AT THE HOMES OF MISSION OFFICERS.

7. POST ASSISTED IN THE VISIT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL GRIFFIN BELL TO NEW ZEALAND BY MAKING NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS FOR A PRESS CONFERENCE, TAPING THE PRESS CONFERENCE AND THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S SPEECH TO THE LAW SOCIETY IN WELLINGTON, AND ISSUING A PRESS RELEASE WITH THE TEXT OF MR. BELL 'S ADDRESS TO THE LAW SOCIETY IN AUCKLAND. PRESS COVERAGE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S VISIT WAS MODERATE WITH GOOD PHOTO COVERAGE.

8. THE AMTECH '78 ELECTRONIC DIALOGUE WITH MR LINDAMOUD OF THE NATIONAL BUREAU OF STANDARDS WAS A SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM. APPROXIMATELY 60 SPECIAL INVITEES TO AMTECH '78 FIRST WATCHED A VTR MADE BY MR LINDAMOUD AND THEN HEARD A HALF-HOUR CONVERSATION BETWEEN HIM AND FOUR SELECTED PANELISTS. AFTER THE PROGRAM, REQUESTS WERE RECEIVED FROM VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS TO BORROW THE KINESCOPE OF MR LINDAMOUD'S ADDRESS AND THE AUDIO TAPE THE POST MADE OF THE

ELECTRONIC DIALOGUE. POST CONSIDERS THESE PROGRAMS AS EXCELLENT FOLLOW-UPS TO THE PROJECT.

9. IN AUCKLAND, DR. GRAEME BUSH OF THE POLITICAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND HELD THE LAST OF HIS CLASSES IN U.S. FOREIGN POLICY FOR THIS YEAR. A TOTAL OF 35 STUDENTS VIEWED THE VTRS ON THE PANAMA CANAL AND THE BRZEZINSKI "FACE THE NATION" SHOW. DR. BUSH FOUND ALL THE TAPES HE USED DURING THE YEAR PARTICULARLY

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GOOD AND RELEVANT BUT COMMENTED THAT THE PANAMA CANAL VTR WAS RATHER ELEMENTARY AND THERE WERE ONLY COMMENTS FROM THE PROPONENTS OF THE TREATY.

10. FULBRIGHTER PROFESSOR HOLLIS SUMMERS HELD A POETRY READING EVENING AT THE AUCKLAND CENTER WHICH WAS ATTENDED BY THE AUCKLAND CHAIRMAN OF THE NEW ZEALAND WOMEN WRITER'S SOCIETY, THE NATIONAL SECRETARY, MAORI ARTISTS AND WRITERS, A SENIOR LECTURER IN AMERICAN POETRY AND ENGLISH STUDENTS FROM AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY. AFTER THE READING, THE GUESTS WERE INVITED TO LOOK AT AND BORROW FROM A COLLECTION OF POETRY BOOKS ON LOAN FROM THE WELLINGTON CENTER.

11. DURING THE WEEK, THE POST SUBMITTED ITS LIST OF NOMINATIONS FOR FY-1979 IV GRANTS WHICH HAD BEEN DECIDED UPON AT A PREVIOUS MEETING OF THE MISSION'S IV COMMITTEE. ANDERSON

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